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International application No. PCT/IN2004/000243	International filing date (day/month/year) 11/08/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 13/08/2003
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1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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6. With regard to the **drawings**,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

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- b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The liquid seal according to the present invention consists of a U-tube (1,2) having one arm (1) connected to the pipe (8) collecting all the gas vented from across the plant and other arm (2) connected to a liquid holder (5). A pipe (6) provided at the top of the liquid holder (5) is connected to the gas pipe (9) leading to the flare while there is a pipe (4) at the bottom of the said liquid holder fitted with a non-return valve (10) connecting to the bottom of U-tube (1,2). There is provided a drain pipe (3) at the bottom of U-tube (1,2) to drain out the liquid if needed.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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